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In late March 1952, the headquarters of a North Korean armored unit, equipped with approximately 95 tanks and numbering 800 men, was at Changjon-ni (approximately 125-43, 38-59) (YD-354192), P'yongyang. The tanks were hidden in damaged houses.

- The North Korean 10 Armored Division $^{\! \perp}$ has been assigned the mission of defending the coast line west of the Taeryong-gang (125-27, 39-36) (YD-1086) and the estuary of that river.
- 3. On 22 March, the following units of the North Korean 10 Armored Division were in the Pakch'on (approximately 125-33, 39-44) (YD-219991) area: a unit

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numbering approximately 150 men with 12 medium tanks and 4 armored vehicles; a unit numbering 400 men, with approximately 30 medium tanks and 10 armored vehicles, which were hidden at approximately 125-33, 39-44 (YD-220990). There were approximately thirty unoccupied tank shelters near YD-220990. Each shelter could accommodate one tank and was constructed similar to a trench, with the top camouflaged by pine needles and grass. Couriers of the division were making frequent trips from the Pakch'on area to Unsong-ni (125-27, 39-37) (YD-102883).

- 4. In late April, a North Korean armored unit headquarters was next to the Sadong (125-49, 39-01) (YD-4422) railroad station, P'yongyang. Six Soviet advisors were attached to the headquarters and occupied an office which served as an air raid shelter 30 meters behind the headquarters building. Some officers of the unit were: Lieutenant General CH'OE P'yo-tok, commanding officer, who formerly served in the Soviet army; Major MUN Si-ch'un (2429/2514/2504), chief of politics; Lieutenant Colonel YI Hyon-mu (2621/6881/5399), chief of engineers; Major CH'A Kwang-che (6508/0342/3444), commander of the Namjin Task Battalion; and Captain CH'OE Tong-chun (1508/2639/2504), chief of staff of the Namjin Task Battalion.
- 5. In late April, the 105 Armored Division, IV Corps, North Korean army, was deployed from P'yongyang to Sukch'on (125-37, 39-24) (YD-2564). The 14 Tank Battalion, which was also called the Ch'ongch'on-gang Tank Battalion, equipped with 20 tanks, was in the Ch'ongch'on-gang (125-46, 39-40) (YD-3794) area. The battalion was composed of three companies, each equipped with five tanks. Each company was composed of two squads with two tanks each, and one tank for the company commander.
- 6. On 30 April, a unit of the 105 Armored Division, equipped with 110 tanks, left Sukch'on (125-37, 39-24) (YD-2564). On 7 May, the unit arrived in the Kuganni (125-20, 38-57) (YD-0213) area, where the tanks were scattered at the foot of a mountain, parked in pine reinforced revetments and camouflaged from air observation.
- 7. In late April, a North Korean army unit, equipped with 15 Soviet heavy tanks and numbering 130 men, was at P'yongch'o (125-43, 39-00) (YD-3520), P'yongyang. The tanks were parked between buildings and covered with green nets.
- 8. In early May, the 485 Unit of a North Korean armored division was near Yongjong-ni (125-31, 38-58) (YD-1816). The 485 Unit, numbering approximately 1,500 men, was assigned the mission of defending the coast line in the area of Chinnamp'o (125-24, 38-44) (YC-0989). It was equipped with nineteen T-34 tanks, 2 x 81-mm. mortars, 3 x 60-mm. mortars, 3 x 85-mm. mortars (sic), 4 x 40-mm. mortars (sic), 2 x 120-mm. mortars, 3 x 45-mm. anti-aircraft machine guns (sic), 15 heavy machine guns, and 20 light machine guns.
- 9. In early April, a North Korean armored unit, equipped with approximately 60 new Soviet medium tanks painted a grass-green color, arrived in Taegak-san (126-35, 38-50) (BU-9001). The unit had previously been stationed in Ch'ang-ni (126-39, 39-59) (BV-9928). It was rumored that the unit was led by approximately 50 Soviet officers.
- 10. On the night of 9 April, a North Korean army infantry division and an artillery battalion, which had been at Hyonam-ni (126-38, 38-43) (BT-9488) since February 1952, left for the central Korean front. The two units were equipped with 16 old-type (sic) Soviet tanks, 80 Soviet trucks, 25 jeeps, and 150 wagons.

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- 11. On 10 May, six medium tanks, which arrived from the north on approximately 20 March, were hidden in six caves, guarded by approximately 25 North Korean soldiers, in the Ch'ong-ni Puhung-ni Hungnam area. Three of the caves, whose entrances faced east, were near Puhung-ni, at approximately 127-37, 39-51, (CV-817113), approximately 127-37, 39-51 (CV-817114), and approximately 127-37, 39-51 (CV-825121); and two caves, whose entrances faced either north or east, were at approximately 127-37, 39-51 (CV-825123).
- 12. In late April, the 2 and 3 Companies of a North Korean armored unit, the Namjin (0589/6966)3 Task Battalion, whose code name was the 156 Unit, numbering 214 men and equipped with 20 Soviet T-34 tanks, was at Anjong-ni (125-33, 38-59) (YD-2118), with its 2 and 3 Companies. The 1 Company of the battalion was at a glass factory on the coast line at Chinnamp'o-hang (124-24, 38-43) (YC-2286). The battalion was headed by Major CH'A Kwang-che (6508/0342/3444), commanding officer, and Captain CH'OE Tong-chun (1508/2639/2504), chief of staff. The battalion had come from P'yongch'on-ni (125-43, 39-00) (YD-3520) in early April 1951. The battalion maintained telephone communication with and received food and ammunition supplies from the North Korean 4 Division Headquarters at Yongjong-ni (125-31, 38-58) (YD-1816) on a hill 40 meters east of the Yongjong-ni People's School.
- 13. In May, a North Korean armored unit, the Chinnamp'o Task Force Battalion, charged with defending the Chinnamp'o coast line, numbering 214 men and equipped with nine Soviet T-34 tanks, was at Anjong-ni (125-33, 38-59) (YD-2118). The Chinnamp'o Task Force Battalion had eight Soviet advisors.

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1.	Comment. Probably the North Korean 10 Mechanized Infantry Division, according to Far East Command Summary.
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3.	Comment. Possibly an abbreviation for "South Chinnamp'o." See paragraph 13, in which a unit, probably the same one, is described as the Chinnamp'o Task Force Battalion.

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